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The *NCO Journal* came about as a result of goals and objectives established by the 1989 NCO Professional Leader Task Force. The task force identified a need to create a forum for NCO leader issues developed by NCOs for NCOs and therefore called for an instrument to "further develop the professional growth of NCOs now and in the future." The instrument approved to accomplish this task was a magazine devoted to the profession of the NCO. By the Spring of 1991, the *NCO Journal* was ready for action and has kept to its mission of providing an open forum for the exchange of ideas and information, to support training, education and development of the NCO Corps and to foster a closer bond among its members.

In the following pages we have compiled the "Best of the *Journal*," taking into account the many

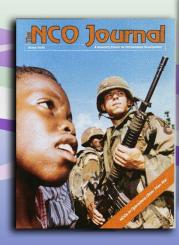
varied topics the *Journal* has covered. The

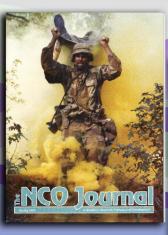


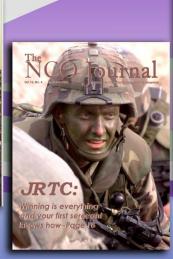


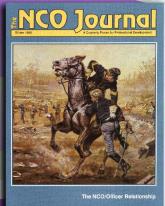
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articles we selected run the gamut from NCO leadership to NCOES issues. You will find articles from the very beginnings that deal with how to successfully complete the Battle Staff and First Sergeant courses, instilling pride, centralized promotion boards, mentoring, raising the discipline net and more. Many of these articles have been updated to give you the most current information possible. Other stories appear as they did when they were originally printed. In every case, the articles provided in this "Best of the Journal" are intended to not just re-visit our past, but to show how much of what we do in the Army today is ever evolving and transforming.

We hope you enjoy this look back at some of the Journal's best articles and continue to give us input and feedback on how we can make your Journal

even better in the months and years to come.



